

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Dias, Pearson, Jasparro, Sylvester, Burlingame, Blackburn and Richard. Commissioners Walker and Jackson were absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #080228: St. George's School, for the property located at 372 Purgatory Road, Middletown. Chief Ronald Doire and ADSFM Robert McCall appeared for the Middletown Fire Marshal's Office. The Applicant advised the Board that they plan to build a new science building and would like to be allowed to use the existing science building until the new science building is completed. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to grant the Applicant a time variance until June 1, 2014 to complete the new science building. The Board also granted the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Middletown Fire Marshal's Office for the existing science building renovations which will allow the Applicant to maintain the use of this facility until the new science building is completed and an additional (150) days to implement that plan, with the Middletown Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith

effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130033: Mr. Abdul Khan failed to appear for the property located at 50 Pocasset Avenue, Providence. ADSFM Christopher Richards and ADSFM Keith Maine appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. The Providence Fire Marshal's Office requested that this case be tabled for two weeks. Commissioner Sylvester made motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson to table this matter for two weeks. The motion passed with Commissioner Burlingame opposing the vote.

APPEAL #130002: Emanon Associates LP, for the property located at 40 Fountain Street, Providence. Chief of Plan Review Wade Palazini and DSFM Christine Kent appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office.

ADSFM Christopher Dillon appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Dias recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn, to accept the Applicant's plan of action for a time variance for the installation of an addressable fire alarm system with voice communication covering the entire building, which will be done in phases. The Board granted the Applicant a variance to allow the Applicant to maintain its command center in the new location, with the condition that the Applicant must maintain all of the required components in this area. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance until November 1, 2013 to provide the elevator status panel, smoke detectors in the stairwells, smoke

detectors in the elevator lobbies, strobes in the bathrooms and all flow and tamper switches on the sprinkler system. The Providence or State Fire Marshal's Office may extend the above timelines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion passed.

Old Business:

Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to approve the subcommittee's recommendation for the property located at 257 Ferris Avenue, East Providence (File #130030) heard on April 9, 2013. The motion passed with Commissioners Burlingame and Blackburn recusing themselves from consideration of this case.

ADSFM Susan Hawksley requested an interpretation by the Board regarding section 6-24-24 (Administrative Appeals). The Board reviewed section 6-2-24. The Board determined that the variance granted under the 2003 Editions of NFPA 1 and 101 was not rendered void by the adoption of the 2012 Editions of NFPA 1 and 101 and this variance shall remain in full force and effect. Commissioner Blackburn made motion, seconded by Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioner Dias to adopt Blanket variance 13-02. The motion was unanimous.

Review of, and possible vote on, amendments to Chapter 25 (Three –Family-Dwellings) has been tabled for further discussion.

Respectfully submitted

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